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SENT : July 16, 1936 (STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL)
TO : AMBASSADOR KAWAGOE, SHANGHAI
FROM : FOREIGN MINISTER ARITA
SUBJECT: Interview between the Minister and Ambassador HSU
SHIH-YING Concerning Sino-Japanese Airway Problems
and Sailor NAKAYAMA Incident

No. 169

On the 15th, I particularly requested a call by Ambassador HSU and talked to him in the following manner.

1. I heartily agree with the view expressed in the speech by Foreign Minister CHANG (at Second Central Plenary Session) concerning the adjustment of Sino-Japanese diplomatic relations. Betterment of the relations between our two countries is of utmost concern to me. I pointed out to him while it appears to be China's intention to approach the settlement of each individual problem after first making basic adjustments of the Sino-Japanese relations, not only does a basic settlement require a lengthy period of time and patience, but an attempt to settle pending matters only after basic adjustments have been made is by no means easy, and in the meantime there may be fomented unfavorable atmosphere. It would better serve the purpose of brightening the relations between the two countries first to attack one by one comparatively easy problems and those on which an agreement of views has already been reached between the authorities concerned of both countries. After telling him at great length that it is extremely regrettable that it became necessary to

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suspend the negotiation apparently due to Chairman CHIANG's opposition at the moment when an accord was already reached between the two governments and was ready to be signed last year, I took up the problem of the Fukuoka-Shanghai air route as one of the first that the Chinese Government should be ready to undertake. Since the opening of an air route aside from the substantive advantages from the standpoint of better transportation has much publicity value and since the realization of this problem would have immense favorable repercussions on public feeling and sentiment in both countries, I emphasized my earnest desire to see its speedy realization.

To this, Ambassador HSU promised to reply in due course after telegraphing promptly to his home Government.

2. With regard to the sailor Nakayama Incident, I stated that "if a sentence of 'not guilty' is passed by the Chinese in total ignorance of the past circumstances attending the case, it would adversely affect the settlement of the KAYAO Incident and would give rise to a grave diplomatic situation", and urged the careful consideration of the part of the Chinese.

To this, Ambassador HSU replied that he would telegraph to his home Government immediately the contents of this conversation.

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Certified at Tokyo,
on this 17th day of January, 1947.

/s/ K. Hayashi
Signature of official

Witness: /s/ Nagaharu Odo

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